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**TO:** Mr. Peter Sullivan, Minority Staff Director  
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Peter:

Mr. Briggs asked me to send you a copy  
 of the 17 June 1983 article from The  
Statesman regarding  The article  
 is enclosed.

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Secretary to Mr. Briggs

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## C.I.A. denies having Desai on payroll

From WARREN UNNA

WASHINGTON, June 16.— The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has denied that Mr Morarji Desai ever was on its payroll as an informer, according to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Sir Moynihan, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which watches over CIA activities, told The Statesman yesterday: "There was nothing like that when I was there (U.S. Ambassador to India from 1973 to 1975), but when I read this I said: 'This is a terrible thing to do to a distinguished elder statesman. My God, it's terrible.' So I called the agency (CIA) to go through its files and they said, 'absolutely not.' So there is no story except no," the New York Senator declared.

In his recently published book on Dr Henry Kissinger's years as President Nixon's White House National Security Adviser, Mr Seymour Hersh wrote that India's former Prime Minister had been on CIA's payroll as a \$20,000-a-year informer during the Administrations of both Presidents, Mr Johnson and Mr Nixon, at least until the early seventies (which preceded Senator Moynihan's tour as U.S. Ambassador to India).

Mr Moynihan's denial of the charge comes just as Mr Subramanian Swamy, the Janata MP, is touring America's east coast defending his old political colleague.

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